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SUBJ: TURKEY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS TELEPHONED ME LAST NIGHT TO SAY THAT HE AND CARAMANLIS HAD NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE AND DEEP, "FRIENDLY" CONCERN PRESS REPORTS OF TURKISH DEMANDS FOR LARGE SUMS FROM THE USG FOR ALLOWING AMERICAN MILITARY FACILITIES TO OPERATE IN TURKEY. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS OF COURSE NOT DIRECTLY GREECE'S BUSINESS BUT THAT PRIME MINISTER WANTED US TO KNOW OF HIS CONCERN THAT IF THE US AGREED TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS THERE WOULD BE THE HEAVIEST OF PRESSURES IN "OTHER COUNTRIES" (READ GREECE) TO DO THE SAME THING, AND THERE WOULD BE NO END TO IT. THE SITUATION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT IN THE CASE OF COUNTRIES THAT WERE NOT MEMBERS OF A COMMON ALLIANCE (READ SPAIN). BITSIOS WAS OBVIOUSLY HOPING THAT WE WOULD REJECT ANY SUCH TURKISH DEMANDS OUT OF HAND.

2. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO
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COMMENT ON THE PRESS REPORTS AND HAD NO BASIS TO

COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON THE MATTER. HOWEVER, I SAID,
SPEAKING PERSONALLY I FELT SURE THAT THE USG WOULD TAKE
A VERY DIM VIEW OF ANY SUCH DEMANDS FOR PAYMENT AND THAT
I WOULD BE ASTONISHED IF WE AGREED TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS.

3. COMMENT: MY PERSONAL REACTION SHOULD HOLD HIM
AND CARAMANLIS FOR THE PRESENT, BUT IT IS QUITE
CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE A STRONG INTERACTION
BETWEEN OUR SEPARATE BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THESE
TWO COUNTRIES.
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